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THE TRAIL AHEAD



2021 Preserve Iowa Summit

Online June 3-5

Registration is now open for the state's premier conference for professionals and volunteers involved in historic preservation. Through expert presentations, workshops and virtual tours, participants will learn new ways to save Iowa's past for the future.

This year's summit is co-hosted by Council Bluffs and the State Historic Preservation Office, a part of the Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs. The 2021 theme, "The Trail Ahead," looks two ways at once: Back to Council Bluffs' colorful history as a trailhead for explorers and settlers, and forward to a bright future where Iowa communities use their history to create a unique sense of place and shared identity.

The three-day program starts with a keynote address and awards ceremony, continues with an array of breakout webinars, and wraps up a round of how-to sessions designed for [Local History Network](#) members and others who work or volunteer at local historical societies and history museums across the state.

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New Partnership for the Humanities

The National Endowment for the Humanities [recently designated](#) the Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs as its interim state humanities partner, in recognition of the department's commitment to serving Iowans and its

effective stewardship of federal funds through its ongoing work with the NEH and other federal agencies. In its new role, the department will work with constituents throughout 2021 to serve and strengthen the humanities and culture throughout the state.

The department will seek input from Iowa's humanities sector and national peer groups to develop programs that meet the current needs of Iowans. New programs will be announced when the public input process is completed at the end of 2021.

In the meantime, the department will invest NEH funds in humanities programs that foster discussion and promote civic engagement and learning across Iowa. Interested? The next deadline for grant applications is May 3.



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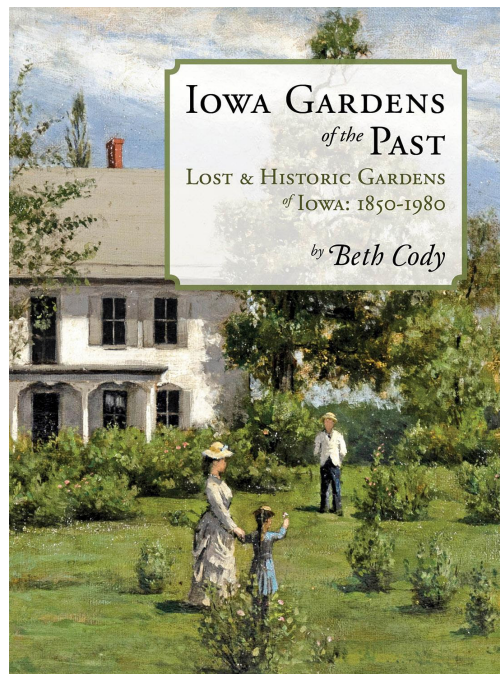
Explore Iowa History Online

Hundreds of Iowans (and a few others!) tuned in for 10 new Iowa history webinars during Iowa History Month in March. You can watch the recordings or tune in to four more free presentations coming right up.



Iowa History 101: George Washington Carver in Iowa April 8

Join Linda Griffith Smith as she discusses how Iowa was a turning point in Carver's life. Happenstance



Iowa Stories: Iowa Gardens of the Past April 8

Join Beth Cody for a historical tour of Iowa's gardens, filled with photos and illustrations from the

brought him to Iowa, but he was a determined, educated young man when he left for Tuskegee University.

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Iowa History 101: Quality Seeds to Feed the World

April 22

Join Michael Stahr of the Iowa State University Seed Laboratory as he explores the work of ISU researchers, from Louis H. Pammel and George Washington Carver to today's world-renowned Seed Science Center. Dig into more than a century of seed science and its impact on farmers, businesses and others around the world.

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1860s through the mid-20th century. She'll discuss gardening trends, seed companies, garden writers and more.

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Iowa Stories: Thunder from the Prairie: The Life of Harold Hughes

April 29

Join Jerry Harrington to learn more about the charismatic governor and U.S. senator who rose from the depths of alcoholism to lead Iowa during the tumultuous 1960s, through controversies about liquor by the drink, legislative reapportionment, Amish schools, racial tensions, the Vietnam War and more.

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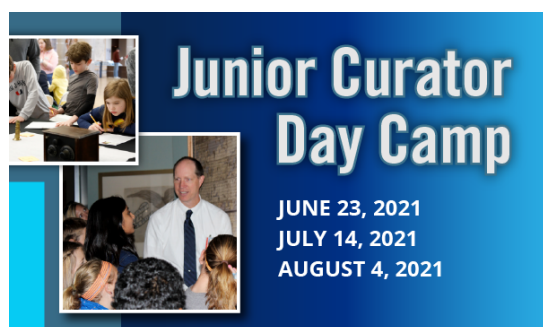


Would you like to write a poem? Or shoot better videos with your smartphone? Or find a good children's book about Iowa history? You can find pointers – and so much more – in an initiative called [Days of Learning](#), a specially curated online showcase of Iowa art, history, film and culture from the Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs and partner organizations across the state. The first collection about “[Iowa's People and Places](#)” coincides with an [exhibit](#) of the same name that opened last month at the State Historical Museum of Iowa as part of the year-long commemoration of Iowa's 175th Anniversary.

[EXPLORE THE DAYS OF LEARNING COLLECTION](#)

Youth & Family Programs

Do you have an aspiring curator or writer in the house? Why not sign them up for Junior Curator Day Camp or the Young Writers' Workshop? Participants in these programs get to explore the State Historical Museum of Iowa, examine historical artifacts, dig into historical research and learn skills they can apply to school and future careers.



[Junior Curator Day Camp](#) is for students entering 4th-6th grades and will be offered [June 23](#), [July 14](#) or [Aug. 4](#).

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[Young Writers' Workshop](#) is for students entering 7th-12th grades and offers a chance to learn about Iowa history with unique educational experiences available only at the State Historical Museum of Iowa. It will take place [June 14-18](#).

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Younger historians may enjoy two new offerings from Goldie's Kids Club:



An **Innovative Iowans** activity teaches about the state flag and its creator, Dixie Cornell Gebhardt of Knoxville. (Posted April 3)

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